

August 22, 2021
Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

~Gathering Together ~

Welcome

Missions & Ministries

Invocation

Music as we Prepare for Worship “Flight of the Birds” Gratz

Meditation “Be Here Now”

*Be here now, never mind about the past. Be here now let the future take care of itself.
Be here now; it's only the moment that lasts. Be here now, be here now.*

Call to Worship

Pastor: When we stumble and our faith falters, God's faithfulness bears us along.

**People: When our spirits soar and our faith grows strong, God's faithfulness lifts us
to new heights of devotion.**

Pastor: When our daily duties distract, and our visions grow fuzzy, God's faithfulness
pierces the fog to beckon us.

**People: God's faithfulness endures forever! We lift our hearts in praise to the One
who is our God this day and forever more!**

Opening Hymn “All Things Bright and Beautiful” SSB #32

*Refrain: All things bright and beautiful, All creatures great and small
All things wise and wonderful, Our dear God made them al.l*

*Each little flower that opens, Each little bird that sings
God made their glowing colors, And made their tiny wings. (Refrain)*

*The purple headed mountain, The river running by,
The sunset, and the morning That brightens up the sky. (Refrain)*

*The cold wind in the winter, The pleasant summer sun,
The ripe fruits in the garden, God made them every one. (Refrain)*

~ Coming Alive in Community ~

Call to Confession

Let us confess our sins before God and one another.

Prayer of Confession

God, we have filled our lives with so many things that there is scarcely room left for each other and for you. “There's no time!” we protest. “I know you're busy,” we assume, “Get ahead!” we urge our children as our lives become a dizzy flurry of distraction, deadline, and duty. Slow us down, God; forgive our busy-ness which destroys our openness, our preoccupation which leaves us unaware of the gentle breeze of your Spirit, our self-absorption which makes us ignore the cries of our brothers and sisters. And if we have not

yet been possessed by your word of grace and acceptance, we pray that our ears may be opened to hear it now. Amen.

Time for silent prayer

Assurance of Forgiveness

Friends, believe the good news, in Jesus Christ our sins are forgiven and we are set free!

Special Music

“What A Friend We Have in Jesus”

Sue Stultz, flautist

Joseph Scriven/Charles Converse

~ We Hear God's Word ~

Scripture Lessons

The Reading of Psalm 84

Louise Hine

The Epistle Reading: Ephesians 6:10-20

The Word of God for the people of God. **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

Rev. Scott Hutchinson

Hymn for Reflection

“Spirit of Gentleness”

SSB #44

***Refrain: Spirit, Spirit of gentleness, blow through the wilderness calling and free,
Spirit, Spirit of restlessness, stir me from placidness, wind, wind on the sea.***

***You moved on the waters, you called to the deep,
then you coaxed up the mountains from the valleys of sleep;
And over the eons you called to each thing: "Awake from your slumbers
and rise on your wings."***

***You swept through the desert, you stung with the sand,
and you goaded your people with a law and a land;
When they were confounded by their idols and lies,
then you spoke through your prophets to open their eyes.***

***You sang in a stable, you cried from a hill,
then you whispered in silence when the whole world was still;
And down in the city you called once again,
when you blew through your people on the rush of the wind.***

***You call from tomorrow, you break ancient schemes,
from the bondage of sorrow the captives dream dreams;
Our women see visions, our men clear their eyes.
With bold new decisions your people arise.***

~ *Sharing Blessings With Others* ~

Prayers of the People

The Prayer of Our Savior

Minister: Let us pray as Christ our Savior has taught us.

All: Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy Kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

Offering our Gifts - Thank you for your faithful support of Shenkel's ongoing ministries
North Coventry Meals on Wheels program - Meals on Wheels of Chester County (MOWCC) serves hundreds of homebound citizens throughout the county, including members from our own church family.

Doxology

***Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God for all that love has done; Creator, Christ, and Spirit, One.***

~ *Going out in Joy* ~

Sending Music

"This is My Father's World"

SSB #87

***This is my Father's world, and to my list'ning ears,
all nature sings, and round me rings the music of the spheres.
This is our Father's world: I rest me in the thought
of rocks and trees, of skies and seas; his hand the wonders wrought.***

***This is our Father's world, the birds their carols raise,
the morning light, the lily bright, declare their maker's praise.
He trusts us with world: to keep it clean and fair
all earth and trees, all skies and seas, all creatures everywhere.***

***This is our Father's world, God shines in all that's fair;,
in rustling grass I hear him pass God speaks to me everywhere.
This is my Father's world: why should my heart be sad?
The Lord and King, let heaven ring! God reigns; let earth be glad!***

Benediction

Parting Music

"Our God Has Done Great Things for Us"

Hamm

Announcements

The Prayer Community asks you to join with us this week in praying for:

Lynne and Cody Moyer

Collin Gray

Elaine and Jim Bevan

Lori and Tom Klein

Ron Christman

~ This week at Shenkel UCC ~

- Sun., 8/22 ~ Reflective Worship service at 8:30 am in sanctuary
 ~ Worship service in the Grove at 9:45 am
 Guest Preacher : Rev. Scott Hutchinson
- Wed., 8/25 ~ BOCE 1 pm on Zoom and Fellowship Hall
- Sat., 8/28 ~ Corn & Doggie Roast 5 pm

~Upcoming events at Shenkel UCC~

- Sun., 8/29 ~ Reflective Worship service at 8:30 am in sanctuary
 ~ Worship service in the Grove at 9:45 am

Scripture Readings for August 29:

Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-9; James 1:17-27 and Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

Pottstown Cluster. We will be starting to collect items again for the Pottstown Cluster. This month's items are body wash (adult), body wash (kids), shampoo, conditioner, bar soap. Please place your items in the bin marked for the Cluster. We will be collecting each week and items will change on a monthly basis.

Friends Helping Friends

Come and shop at Boscov's on Wednesday, October 20. You will need to purchase a shopping pass for \$5.00 and get a 25 % discount on most items. Please see Tootie or Louise for your pass. Shenkel gets to keep the \$5.00 as a fundraiser.

Famous Shenkel Corn, Doggie & Pig Roast

Saturday, August 28, 2021 at 5 PM

Beverages to be provided.

Things to Bring:

- Your family and friends! 😊
- Hot dogs & roasting sticks
- Place settings for your family
- Side & Dessert to share

In order to determine what size pig we'll need, we're asking that you signup either after worship some Sunday or by emailing the church office Let us know how many adults and children expect to attend. Anyone 12-years and older is considered an adult; under 12 is a child.